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of several villages lower down on the right bank of the river for the last thirty years and more ; and whether complaints have been made by the ryots year after year, but to no purpose ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Department of Public Works even prepared an estimate for closing the breaches and for the construction of a drainage sluice two years back on a complaint made by Rao Bahadur K. S. Venkatarama Ayyar and others ; and whether the estimate has been sanctioned ; if so, will the same be worked out at least in the current year ;

(*c*) whether the ryots have given any suit notice to Government regarding the above breaches ;

(*d*) whether the Department of Public Works constructed a temporary wooden sluice and closed the breach partially with the result that the whole is now washed away ;

(*e*) whether a big island has been formed in the middle of the river to the west of Nagore where the river discharges into the sea ; and whether the same obstructs the free flow of the river during floods and causes the water to back up, thus submerging the lands in December and damaging the standing crops ; and

(*f*) whether an estimate is being prepared for turning the river and at what stage it is now ?

A.—(*a*) No ; there was a gap for a very long time in the right bank of the Vettar in the Manjadi limits through which the fields to the right of the Vettar drained into the river. This gap was permitted on the understanding that the interested ryots would close it when floods came down the river. As this was neglected by the ryots, the gap widened during the floods of 1919. The breach was closed, leaving only a small gap for the field drainage to enter the Vettar as before.

Complaints have been made by M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur K. S. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal. No other complaints have been received.

(*b*) Government are not aware whether any estimate was prepared by the local officers ; but the Executive Engineer has reported that he has instructed the Subdivisional Officer to construct a box sluice at the site of the gap and to reform the bank.

(*c*) The Government have no information except a statement in a petition received from M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur K. S. Venkatarama Ayyar Avargal, in December last, that he has given a notice to the Collector.

(*d*) The temporary wooden sluice referred to is apparently the box sluice referred to in clause (*b*) above. No information has been received, but a report has already been called for.

(*e*) & (*f*) The Government have no information.

Traffic on the anicut across the Pennar at Nellore.

255 *Q.*—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that traffic is much inconvenienced during the greater part of the year, on the anicut across the river Pennar at Nellore ;

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(b) whether it is a fact that the Government have formulated a scheme to improve its condition and when ; and

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, why that scheme has not yet been put into execution ?

A.—The Government have no information.

Mr. Muhammad Yahya Ali Sahib :—" Will the Government be pleased to furnish an answer to clauses (b) and (c) of question No. 255 ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" The answer given ought to have been to question No. 255 (b) ; and it has been taken for granted that the Government have not been made aware of any such inconvenience that it might be remedied."

The Patha-Cuddapah tank.

256 Q.—Mr. K. Abdul Hye Sahib : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Patha-Cuddapah tank, one of the biggest irrigation tanks in the district of Cuddapah fed by the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal, is so badly silted up that its storage capacity has been reduced by more than half ;

(b) whether the Government have received any memorial on the subject ; and

(c) if so, what action the Government propose to take thereon ?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The attention of the hon. Member is in this connexion drawn to the answer to question No. 131.

Irrigation projects.

257 Q.—Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) the names of irrigation projects which have been under consideration during the last 25 years ;

(2) how many of them were carried out and the cost of each ; and

(3) how many were given up and for what reasons ?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Report on Irrigation Projects by Mr. F. E. Morgan, Executive Engineer, Projects division, which was placed on the Council Table. If details are required on any specific project, they will be furnished.

The bigger channels in the Trichinopoly district.

258 Q.—Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred in regard to the bigger channels in the Trichinopoly district for the last five years under the following heads :—

(a) names of the channels,

(b) repair charges for korambu,

(c) silt clearance, and

(d) masonry and other works along the courses of the channels ?